

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for synchronously delivering complementary data to a first device and
2 a second device, the method comprising:
3 receiving a command through a network for synchronous transmission of
4 complementary data; and
5 transmitting first data through the network to the first device, the
6 transmission of the first data synchronized with transmission of second data
7 transmitted to a second device, the first and second data forming complementary
8 data.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the network is a telephone network
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the network is an Internet.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the network is a wireless network.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the network is a first network and second data is
2 transmitted to the second device through a second network.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the second network is a telephone network
- 1 7. The method of claim 5 wherein the second network is an Internet.
- 1 8. The method of claim 5 wherein the second network is a wireless network.
- 1 9. The method of claim 5 wherein each of the first data and the second data is one
2 from the group consisting of audio data and video data.
- 1 10. The method of claim 1 wherein the first device is a PDA.

1 11. The method of claim 1 wherein the first device is a telephone.

1 12. A system for synchronously delivering complementary data through a network,
2 the system comprising:

3 a control unit;

4 a first device connected to the control unit through the network; and

5 a second device connected to the control unit through the network, wherein
6 the control unit synchronously delivers complementary data to the first device and
7 the second device.

1 13. The system of claim 12 wherein the first device is a vehicle navigation system
2 and wherein the complementary data includes navigational video data delivered to
3 the first device and supplementary data delivered to the second device.

1 14. The system of claim 13 wherein the supplementary data is audio data.

1 15. The system of claim 12 wherein the first device is a video monitor and wherein
2 the complementary data includes video data delivered to the first device and subtitles
3 delivered to the second device.

1 16. A method for remotely controlling a telephone using a device connected to a
2 network, the network being connected to a telephone network through a gateway
3 server, the method comprising:

4 receiving a command to control a telephone from a device; and

5 controlling the telephone in accordance with the command, wherein the
6 receiving and controlling steps are executed at a location that is remote from the
7 location of the device and the location of the telephone.

1 17. The method of claim 16 wherein the functionality of the telephone is controlled
2 after a communication channel between the telephone and another device has been
3 established.

1 18. A method for remotely controlling an appliance connected to a first network
2 using a device connected to a second network, the first network connected to the
3 second network through a gateway server, the method comprising:
4 receiving a command to control an appliance from a device; and
5 controlling the appliance in accordance with the command, wherein the
6 receiving and controlling steps are executed at a location that is remote from the
7 location of the device and the location of the appliance.

1 19. A method for delivering first data through a network for playback or display on
2 a first device in synchronicity with playback or display of second data on a second
3 device, the first data and the second data forming complementary data, the method
4 comprising:
5 receiving a command through a network for transmission of complementary
6 data; and
7 transmitting first data through the network to a first device for playback or
8 display on the first device in synchronicity with playback or display of second data
9 on a second device, wherein the first and second data form complementary data.

1 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the network is a telephone network

1 21. The method of claim 19 wherein the network is an Internet.

1 22. The method of claim 19 wherein the network is a wireless network.

1 23. The method of claim 19 wherein the network is a first network and second data
2 is transmitted to the second device through a second network.

1 24. The method of claim 23 wherein the second network is a telephone network

1 25. The method of claim 24 wherein the second network is an Internet.

1 26. The method of claim 24 wherein the second network is a wireless network.

1 27. The method of claim 24 wherein each of the first data and the second data is one
2 from the group consisting of audio data and video data.

1 28. The method of claim 19 wherein the first device is a PDA.

1 29. The method of claim 19 wherein the first device is a telephone.

1 30. A method for synchronously delivering complementary data to a device and a
2 PDA, the method comprising:
3 receiving a command from the PDA through a first network, the first
4 network including a wireless network;
5 transmitting first data to through the first network ; and
6 transmitting second data through a second network, the transmission of the
7 second data synchronized with the transmission of the first data, the first and second
8 data forming complementary data.

1 31. The method of claim 30 wherein the first data is transmitted to the PDA and the
2 second data is transmitted to a device.

1 32. The method of claim 30 wherein at least one of the first data and the second data
2 is either unicast or multicast to a predetermined collection of users or devices.

1 33. The method of claim 32 wherein the first data and second data are intended for
2 observation by the same entity or person.

1 31. The method of claim 30 wherein the first network is the Internet.

1 32. The method of claim 30 wherein the second network is the Internet.

- 1 33. The method of claim 30 wherein the first data is transmitted to the PDA.
- 1 34. The method of claim 33 wherein the first data is played on the PDA.
- 1 35. The method of claim 34 wherein the first data is textual data that is displayed on
2 the PDA.
- 1 36. The method of claim 34 wherein the first data is audio data.
- 1 37. The method of claim 30 wherein the first data is transmitted to a device, the
2 device being one from the collection of a telephone, a computer and a navigational
3 device.
- 1 38. The method of claim 37 wherein the second data is supplementary data.